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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, CS

SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF LOCKHEED ELECTRA N126US

REFS: (A) STATE 156566 (NOTAL); (B) PANAMA 4884,
4928 (NOTAL)

1. N126US, ALTHOUGH OF US REGISTRY, WAS OPERATED BY
AEROLINEAS PUNTA ARENAS (APSA) AND DEPARTED FROM SAN
JOSE FOR MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA ON JUNE 30. ACCORDING TO
INFORMATON FROM THE CANAL ZONE, THE AIRCRAFT DISAPPEARED
FROM THE ATC RADAR SCOPES ABOUT 80 MILES NNE OF BALBOA
CANAL ZONE.

2. FOLLOWING AN EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES WITH THE EMBASSY
IN PANAMA, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A U.S.
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB) INVESTIGATOR
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ROBERT OELKER AND FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
ADVISERS TO VISIT PANAMA FOR THE PURPOSE DOCUMENTING
FACTUAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF
N126US.

3. SIMILARLY, THE NTSB WISHES TO OBTAIN THE PERMISSION
OF THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT, AS THE "STATE OF THE

OPERATOR" (REF ICAO ANNEX 13), FOR MR. OELKER AND HIS ADVISERS TO VISIT COSTA RICA TO OBTAIN FROM APSA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SOURCES INFORMATION RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF N126US. PLEASE CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES AND ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE.

4. REFTELS WILL BE REPEATED TO EMB. VANCE

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Message Attributes

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